



General Assembly

February Session, 2008

Substitute Bill No. 5504

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AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL LOBBYING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-91 of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) "Administrative action" means any action or nonaction of any
5 executive agency of the state or political subdivision of the state with
6 respect to the proposal, drafting, development, consideration,
7 amendment, adoption or repeal of any rule, ordinance, regulation or
8 utility rate, and any action or nonaction of any executive agency or
9 quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79 of the 2008 supplement
10 to the general statutes, regarding a contract, grant, award, purchasing
11 agreement, loan, bond, certificate, license, permit or any other matter
12 which is within the official jurisdiction or cognizance of such an
13 agency.

14 Sec. 2. Subsections (j) and (k) of section 1-91 of the 2008 supplement
15 to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
16 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 (j) "Legislative action" means introduction, sponsorship,
18 consideration, debate, amendment, passage, defeat, approval, veto,
19 overriding of a veto or any other official action or nonaction with

20 regard to any bill, resolution, amendment, nomination, appointment,
21 report, or any other matter pending or proposed in a committee or in
22 either house of the legislature or before the legislative body of a
23 political subdivision of the state, or any matter which is within the
24 official jurisdiction or cognizance of the legislature or the legislative
25 body of a political subdivision of the state.

26 (k) "Lobbying" means communicating directly or soliciting others to
27 communicate with any official or his staff in the legislative or executive
28 branch of government, [or] in a quasi-public agency or in any political
29 subdivision of the state, for the purpose of influencing any legislative
30 or administrative action except that the term "lobbying" does not
31 include (1) communications by or on behalf of a party to, or an
32 intervenor in, a contested case, as described in regulations adopted by
33 the commission in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, before
34 an executive agency or a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-
35 79 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, (2) communications
36 by a representative of a vendor or by an employee of the registered
37 client lobbyist which representative or employee acts as a salesperson
38 and does not otherwise engage in lobbying regarding any
39 administrative action, (3) communications by an attorney made while
40 engaging in the practice of law, [and] including communications with
41 any official or staff of any agency of any political subdivision of the
42 state having responsibility for: Planning or zoning decisions made
43 pursuant to chapters 124, 124a, 125, 125a, 126, 126a, or 127; inland
44 wetlands decisions made pursuant to chapter 440; historic districts
45 decisions made pursuant to chapter 97a; water pollution control
46 authority decisions made pursuant to chapter 446k; motor vehicle or
47 gasoline location decisions made pursuant to chapter 246; aquifer
48 protection decisions made pursuant to chapter 446i; or conservation
49 decisions made pursuant to chapter 97, or communications by an
50 attorney made while engaging in the practice of law regarding any
51 matter other than legislative action as defined in subsection (j) of this
52 section or the proposal, drafting, development, consideration,
53 amendment, adoption or repeal of any rule, ordinance, referendum,

54 budget or regulation, [or] (4) communications by any expert witness in
55 any matter described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, or (5) other
56 communications exempted by regulations adopted by the commission
57 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(j) and (k)

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*